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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,081,657
- AB United States Patent No. 2,504,697
- AC U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0003865
- AL PCT Application WO 96/07353
- AM French Patent 14 87 809
- AN European Application 01 45 892

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the French Patent Office in connection with the counterpart French application.

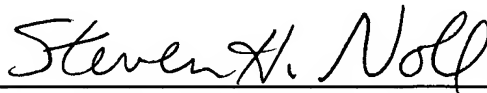
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Translations of References AM and AN are not readily available to the Applicants.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the references already of record.

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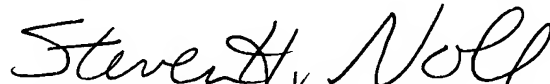
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